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DISTRICT #31-CERESCO

The first school for Ceresco, District #31 was a one-room building erected in the summer of 1872 across the road from the Hunter farm where the Edwin Frasier family now live. Mrs. John Riddle was the first teacher, followed by Nina Flore and Florence Hillman. Mrs. Ira Nelson boarded the teacher until the town was moved.

A two-room school was built later, a little east of the present building. Mrs. Edna Walker was a teacher in this school. There are several still living who attended this two-room school.

The Otto Landstrom home is the location of a school built there and used only a few years. It was moved, remodeled and is now the Ceresco Teacherage.

In 1911 bonds were issued to erect the brick building. The old schoolhouse was sold, moved down town and now comprises a part of Ernie's Store. Ceresco School had nine grades through 1911. When the school moved into the new brick building two more grades were added making eleven. The twelfth grade was added in 1917. The first twelve grade graduating class was in 1918. Lucy Noerenberg was a member of this class.

In 1928 another bond issue was floated. The brick building was remodeled and a gymnasium added, allowing basketball to be added to the program. In the fall of 1949, with the help of the Ceresco Volunteer Firemen, Ceresco High fielded the first 8-man football team.

In 1961, bonds were again issued to erect a new gymnasium. The old gymnasium was remodeled into classrooms.

The last class graduated in 1967. With the reorganization program in 1967, the schools of Ceresco, Valparaiso and Raymond united to form Central Public School, Lancaster County, District #161. Elementary schools with grades through 6th are maintained in Valparaiso, Ceresco and Raymond.

On February 27, 1968 a bond issue was presented to the people to remodel the buildings at the Nebraska Missile site and to build a new gymnasium and classroom building. The issue carried by a large majority.

The class of 1968 suggested the name Central when they were juniors.

and were the first class graduating from Central. The mascot, Mustang was suggested by Miss JoAnn Frasier.

Central High School has made itself known in state activities. Honors have been won in Speech, Music, Football, Basketball and Track.